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1. *Confessing to a crime you did not commit in order to avoid punishment is wise*

Have you ever been placed in a moment in which the consequences of your decision could either impact you now or in the future? If you have, the effects it was going to have on your near future were likely what concerned you most in that situation. You may begin to wonder why, but it is truly quite obvious, it is instinct to strive to escape the danger presented in the now, that may affect you directly and which you must make a rapid decision in order to escape; whilst, in order to escape a future punishment, you feel as though you have plenty of time in order to find a means of freeing yourself of that consequence. Although, how can you ever be so sure of a future outcome? By rendering yourself guilty in the eyes of the public, despite your knowledge of your own innocence, you shall forever draw yourself into more and more consequences due to the fact that everyone now associates you with guilt and being a criminal. As a result, this makes you more susceptible to being considered guilty in other cases where the true criminal is unknown. Everyone shall point their fingers to the only one they know capable of committing such acts, you. This is also very dangerous for your society as a whole, for the true evildoer is still roaming amongst the innocent, capable of launching yet another attack upon the well being of others and maybe even upon your own. Now, let us put this into the context of the Salem Witch Trials; this was a very dark period in American history in which many were convicted and even hung for witchcraft due to unreliable “evidence” and word of mouth. The sole way to avoid this was to plead guilty, as many did, but even in doing so they never truly were released from punishment, for in the public eye they now and forever were to be witches. This would, therefore, make them more vulnerable to be accused of committing supernatural crimes. As though that was not sufficient, this act not solely affects your future, but that of others. Any actions that you may have committed, which were once associated with innocence, shall now be considered suspicious. For instance, putting this in more relatable terms, let us say that every night you would go for a run in the park, now due to your recent confession all that do so shall be viewed suspiciously for fear of this “run” serving as some pretense for greater, darker affairs and likely even consorting with the likes of you. So, now all of these innocent people shall be more susceptible to be accused of crimes which they likely did not commit, all for your selfish and poorly thought out decision to save yourself at that very moment, but never from what may lay ahead. Therefore, it is evidently not wise to confess to a crime you did not commit in order to simply avoid punishment, for you (as the saying goes) are going to regret it in the long run.